

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KINGST 05483 172035Z
ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ARAE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00
CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05
PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 SCS-03 SCA-01 SY-05 AID-05
MCT-01 /065 W

----- 048979 /43

O 172000Z DEC 76
FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3448

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 5483

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, JM
SUBJECT: JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES HARASS NEWSWEEK REPORTER AND REFUSE
TRANSMIT COPY ON ELECTIONS

1. ANDREW JAFFE, MIAMI BUREAU CHIEF FOR NEWSWEEK, HAS BEEN
IN JAMAICA SINCE DECEMBER 13 COVERING JAMAICAN ELECTIONS.
ON DEC 17 HE ADVISED EMBASSY THAT MORNING OF SAME DAY
HE ATTEMPTED FILE LONG WRAP-UP STORY ON ELECTIONS TO NEWSWEEK
THROUGH JAMINTEL (LOCAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAM COMPANY CON-
TROLLED BY GOJ). STORY HIGHLY CRITICAL ELECTORAL PROCESSES
AND SOMEWHAT CRITICAL OF PM MANLEY'S STYLE OF GOVERNMENT
AND ECONOMIC POLICIES. JAMINTEL EMPLOYEES, AFTER READING
STORY, VERBALLY HARASSED JAFFE WITH IMPLICIT THREAT SUGGESTIONS
AND FINALLY REFUSED TRANSMIT STORY. GENERAL MANAGER JAMINTEL
SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED JAFFE AT HIS HOTEL TO ADVISE THAT NOT
ONLY WOULD THE STORY NOT BE TRANSMITTED BUT WAS BEING HANDED
OVER TO "COMPETENT AUTHORITIES" FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.
(COMPETENT AUTHORITIES ARE JDF CHIEF OF STAFF BRIGADIER
GREEN AND JCF COMMISSIONER OF POLICE ROBINSON.)

2. JAFFE DEPARTING JAMAICAN 1715 HOURS THIS AFTERNOON
FOR MIAMI AT ADVICE HIS NEW YORK OFFICE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KINGST 05483 172035Z

3. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS IS FIRST SUCH INSTANCE OF
AMERICAN PRESS BEING TREATED THIS WAY. WE ARE MAKING
THIS POINT TO FOREIGN OFFICE PERMANENT SECRETARY,
HEAD OF AGENCY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION (API), AND TO
CLAUDE ROBINSON, PM'S PRESS SECRETARY.
GERARD

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, ELECTION RESULTS, INFORMATION CONTROL, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, JOURNALISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976KINGST05483
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760465-0211
From: KINGSTON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761234/aaaabcuq.tel
Line Count: 61
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 JUL 2004 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <21 JUL 2004 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES HARASS NEWSWEEK REPORTER AND REFUSE TRANSMIT COPY ON ELECTIONS
TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, JM, (JAFJE, ANDREW)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006